

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Irene Mae Thompson was born on March 20, 1922, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she grew up with five sisters and one brother; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Irene married Stanley (Sam) Austad, and to this union they were blessed with seven children. They lived in several towns in South Dakota; including Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Elk Point, Pierre, and finally settling in Fort Pierre after Sam passed away in January of 1967; and,

*Whereas*, Irene married Virgil Hansler in June of 1974, and moved to Vivian, South Dakota, where they lived until 2000, when they moved to Pierre; and,

*Whereas*, Irene enjoys spending time with her family which includes 10 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Irene also enjoys playing Bingo, Farkle, Yatzee, Phase 10, and several other card games with her family and friends; and,

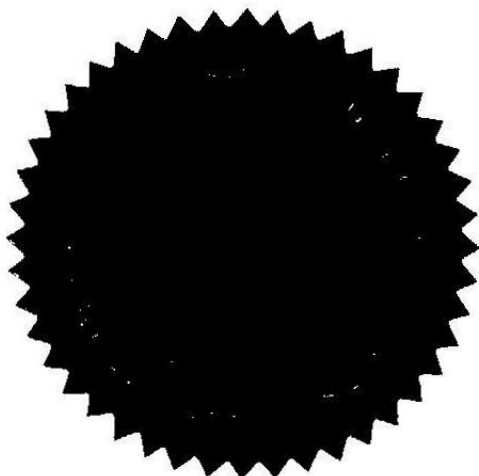
*Whereas*, Irene will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and family gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State